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9	BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2005-23	
13	CHARLENE NICOLETTA MOORE 880 Tahoe Keys Boulevard	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT	
14	South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
15	Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 48621		
16	Respondent.		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGRE	ED by and between the parties to the	
19	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are tru	ıe:	
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Carol Sigmann ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the California		
22	Board of Accountancy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented		
23	in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Jessica M.		
24	Amgwerd, Deputy Attorney General.		
25	2. Respondent Charlene Nicolette Moore (hereinafter "Respondent"), is not		
26	represented in this proceeding.		
27	3. On July 31, 1987, the California Board of Accountancy issued Respondent		
28	Charlene Nicolette Moore a Certified Public Accountant Certificate, No. CPA 48621, to practice		

as a certified public accountant under the laws of the State of California. Said license status is current and active, and will expire December 31, 2006.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. AC-2005-23 was filed before the California Board of Accountancy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The original Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on October 3, 2005. Respondent timely filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. AC-2005-23 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in the Accusation No. AC-2005-23. Respondent has also carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at Respondent's own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent; the right to present evidence and to testify on Respondent's own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. AC-2005-23.
- 9. Respondent agrees that her Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 46821 is subject to discipline and Respondent agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or Respondent's counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that Respondent may not withdraw this agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CPA 48621 issued to Charlene Nicoletta Moore is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall comply with all conditions of probation and obey federal, state and local laws and all rules and regulations governing the practice of accountancy in California.

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- 2. **Submit Written Reports.** Respondent shall submit, within ten (10) days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the Board on a form obtained from the Board. The Respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.
- 3. **Personal Appearances.** Respondent shall, during the period of probation, appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 4. **Comply With Probation.** Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the Board and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the Board of Accountancy in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with probation terms and conditions.
- 5. **Practice Investigation.** Respondent shall be subject to, and shall permit, practice investigation of the Respondent's professional practice. Such a practice investigation shall be conducted by representatives of the Board, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 6. **Comply With Citations.** Respondent shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the Board of Accountancy.
- Respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, Respondent must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse the Board costs, or make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice except at the written direction of the Board.

1	8. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect,			
2	the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation			
3	and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke			
4	probation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing			
5	jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter			
6	is final.			
7	9. Completion of Probation. Upon successful completion of probation,			
8	Respondent's license will be fully restored.			
9	10. Cost Restitution. Respondent shall reimburse the Board in the amount of			
10	Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Dollars and Sixty Five Cents \$5,489.65 for its			
11	investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made within 90 days from the			
12	effective date of this decision.			
13	11. Restricted Practice. Respondent shall be prohibited from performing			
14	attest engagements, including but not limited to audits and reviews.			
15	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>			
16	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, and I			
17	understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my accountancy license. I enter into this			
18	Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree			
19	to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Board of accountancy. I agree that a			
20	signed facsimile (FAX) of this document shall be as binding as an original signed copy.			
21	DATED: 11-10-05.			
22	Charlene Nicoletta Moore			
23	Respondent			
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: December 5, 2005.

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California

JESSICA M. AMGWERD Deputy Attorney General

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	DECISION AND ORDER			
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12	The effect of Cattlement and Dissiplinary Order is horsby adopted by			
13	The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by			
14	the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this			
15	matter.			
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17	This Decision shall become effective on February 24, 2006			
	It is so ORDERED January 25, 2006			
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22	THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS			
23	DEFINITION OF CONSCINENT TIMES			
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18	Carol Sigmann ("Complainant"), for cause fo	r discipline, alleges:		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>			
20	1. Complainant brings this Accusation s	olely in her official capacity as the		
21	Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy ("Board"), Department of Consume			
22	Affairs.			
23	2. On or about July 31, 1987, the Board issued Certified Public Accountan			
24	Certificate Number CPA 48621 to Charlene Nicoletta Moore ("Respondent"). Respondent's			
25	certified public accountant certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the			
26	charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2006, unless renewed.			
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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 5109 states:

The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a license, practice, privilege, or other authority to practice public accountancy by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee, or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

4. Code section 5100 states, in pertinent part:

After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit or certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 5080), or may censure the holder of that permit or certificate for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:

(c) Dishonesty, fraud, gross negligence, or repeated negligent acts committed in the same or different engagements, for the same or different clients, or any combination of engagements or clients, each resulting in a violation of applicable professional standards that indicate a lack of competency in the practice of public accountancy or in the performance of the bookkeeping operations described in Section 5052.

(g) Willful violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board under the authority granted under this chapter . . .

- 5. Code section 5062 states that a licensee shall issue a report which conforms to professional standards upon completion of a compilation, review or audit of financial statements.
- 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section ("Regulation") 58 states that licensees engaged in the practice of public accountancy shall comply with all applicable professional standards, including but not limited to generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards.

COST RECOVERY

- 7. Code section 5107 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violations

of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees . . .

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 5100, subdivision (c), in that she committed acts constituting gross negligence in the performance of an audit of Cave Rock Villas Homeowners Association (hereinafter "the Homeowners Association") for the periods ending August 31, 2002, and August 31, 2001.

- 9. Respondent failed to comply with professional standards for reporting on financial statements prepared on an "Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting" (OCBOA), in violation of AU¹ Section 623.05, as follows:
- a. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a title that included the word *independent*.
- b. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph stating that the financial statements were audited or that the financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management and that the auditor is responsible for expressing an opinion on the financial statements based on the audit.
- c. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph stating that the audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and that those standards require that the auditor plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.
- d. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph stating that an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the

^{1.} Standards applicable to the performance of an audit required by Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) are discussed in the Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) and are codified by the "AU" number.

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financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

- e. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph stating that she believes that her audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion.
- f. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph stating the basis of presentation and referring to the note to the financial statement that describes the basis. Further, Respondent failed to include a paragraph stating that the basis of presentation is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.
- g. Respondent failed to include in the audit report a paragraph expressing her opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.
- 10. Respondent failed to cover in the audit report the supplemental information shown on the balance sheet that is not part of the basic financial statements covered by the standard audit report, in violation of AU Section 551.04.²
- 11. Respondent failed to disclose in the audit report the omission of required supplemental information for common interest realty associations related to Future Major Repairs and Replacements, in violation of CIRA Guide Sections 4.27 to 4.33.

Financial Statements:

12. Respondent failed to include in the notes to the financial statements disclosures required for financial statements prepared on an OCBOA, specifically, a summary of significant accounting policies that discusses the basis of presentation and describes how that basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles, in violation of AU Section 623.10.

Working Papers:

13. Respondent failed to document the planning of the audit, in violation of AU Section 311.01.

^{2.} The supplemental information of Dues Receivable shown on the balance sheet is not part of the basic financial statements covered by the audit report, since the financial statements are on the cash basis (which would not have receivables).

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking, suspending, or otherwise imposing discipline on Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 48621, issued to Charlene Nicoletta Moore;
- 2. Ordering Charlene Nicoletta Moore to pay the California Board of Accountancy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5107;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

Jember 21,2005

CAROL SIGMANN

Executive Officer

California Board of Accountancy Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant